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Man Arrested for Stealing Car, Hit and Run Crash

On March 3, 2019 at 6:02AM Tualatin Police were dispatched an injury hit and run call for service in the Woodridge Apartments, located at 11999 SW Tualatin Rd. An occupied vehicle was struck by the suspect vehicle and sustained heavy damage. The victim driver was transported to OHSU to be treated for unknown injuries. The suspect vehicle continued on through a landscape planter, struck a tree, and then came to rest against another vehicle.

While officers were responding to the location they were informed a vehicle had been stolen from a neighboring apartment complex. The suspect vehicle in the hit and run they were responding to was the vehicle that had just been stolen.

The suspect driver fled the scene on foot and ran to a nearby business where he attempted to break into two other vehicles with a fire extinguisher. He was unsuccessful in his attempts.

As officers, including a tracking K-9, arrived on scene they learned the suspect had ran to SW 99W and attempted to flag down passing motorists but he was unsuccessful in his attempts.

The suspect got on a TriMet bus passing through the area and the driver of the bus, realizing something suspicious in the suspect's appearance and behavior, phoned dispatch to notify police of the suspicious circumstance.

Tigard Police intercepted the bus at SW Main St and SW Burnham St where the 21 year old suspect, identified as George Arthur Rose III, was taken into custody without incident.

The suspect was later transported to the Washington County Jail where he was lodged and charged with one count of unlawful use of a vehicle, one count of fail to perform duties of a driver with injury, one count of fail to perform duties of a driver property, one count of second degree criminal mischief and one count of attempted second degree criminal mischief.

A booking photo can be obtained through the Washington County Jail.

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